

Multiple Choice Questions—Human Systems

1. How do you think the birth rates of Angola, Bolivia, and Cambodia would compare to those of the United States, Sweden, and Australia?
 - a. The first three countries would have lower birth rates.
 - b. The first three countries would have higher birth rates.
 - c. There would be no difference between the two groups.
 - d. It would be impossible to determine whether a real difference exists.
2. Which country's population pyramid would most closely resemble a true triangle, with a very wide base that narrows up to a tiny top?
 - a. France
 - b. The United States
 - c. Afghanistan
 - d. Canada
3. For people emigrating from a developing country to the United States, which of the following offers an example of a "push" factor?
 - a. The United States offers better job opportunities.
 - b. The United States accepts refugees and legal migrants each year.
 - c. Communities in developing countries often have strong cultural ties and traditions.
 - d. Developing countries tend to provide few economic opportunities for the average person.
4. Which of the following does not provide a good example of how immigration might affect the characteristics of a place?
 - a. In some neighborhoods of London, street signs are written in both English and Bengali.
 - b. Increasing numbers of Mexican restaurants have opened throughout the United States.
 - c. Some people have protested the influx of new immigrants into their town.
 - d. Most Mexican Americans eat hamburgers and French fries.
5. Which of the following best defines the word "culture" as it's used in the study of geography?
 - a. a group's language, customs, religion, belief system, technology, art, food, and traditions
 - b. an individual's view of the world and its people
 - c. art museums and symphony orchestras
 - d. a sample of cells grown in a test tube

6. Which of the following is an example of cultural convergence?
- a. People of all ages participate in the Greek festival in Athens.
 - b. Most Italians are Catholic.
 - c. People from all over Latin America gather to share their musical traditions.
 - d. A group of Vietnamese artists have created a Web site to celebrate their artistic traditions.
7. Which of the following is a secondary economic activity?
- a. selling insurance to a clothing factory
 - b. sewing cotton clothing in a factory
 - c. farming cotton
 - d. promoting the annual Cotton Festival
8. Which of the following examples does not describe how towns in the United States have changed over the past few decades?
- a. People tend to shop downtown more than they did 50 years ago.
 - b. Some downtowns are now virtually deserted because people shop in malls on the outskirts of town.
 - c. Many “factory towns” have suffered as plants closed or decreased their workforces.
 - d. Increasingly, a town’s retail businesses are operated by corporations headquartered in other cities.
9. Why have many factories in the United States shut down?
- a. Too many people have picketed the factories and boycotted their products.
 - b. A shortage of labor in the United States has forced them to close.
 - c. Many towns have tried to get rid of factories because they find them “ugly.”
 - d. Labor is cheaper in other countries.
10. Why would a new shopping center want to be able to map its market area?
- a. to find out the locations of potential customers
 - b. to design its floor plan and parking lots
 - c. to learn about new trends in advertising
 - d. to cooperate with local radio stations

11. Which of the following statements best illustrates the relationship between a colonizing country and its colony?
- a. The colonizing power always ensures the well being of the colony's residents.
 - b. The people of the colony generally benefit from an increase in job opportunities and higher salaries offered by the colonizing country.
 - c. The colonizing power profits from the colony's natural resources.
 - d. The economy of the colonizing country rarely benefits from economic activities in the colony.
12. Which of the following factors might lead a farmer to move his or her farm to a new location?
- a. fewer conflicts with suburban developers
 - b. the introduction of refrigerated rail cars
 - c. steadily increasing farm profits
 - d. increased access to the railroad or trucking routes in the farm's current location
13. How would the development of a new row of restaurants and a multiplex probably affect land values in a downtown area?
- a. values would decrease
 - b. values would stay the same
 - c. values would increase
 - d. values would decrease at first, but then increase
14. Which of the following statements best explains the emergence of cities?
- a. The development of agriculture allowed people to achieve a food surplus.
 - b. People were seeking more accessible places to practice their religions.
 - c. A merchant class emerged to sell agricultural produce and crafts.
 - d. People needed more military protection, which could only be provided in cities.
15. Which statement best describes a city that's built according to the concentric zone model?
- a. Fred would prefer to shop and do his banking in a downtown business district, but this isn't possible because there are no longer any businesses downtown.
 - b. Alison lives in a small house on a hill downtown, from which she can see the skyscrapers of the distant suburbs.
 - c. Joe lives in a high-rise apartment building in one part of the city and drives his car to work in a high-rise office building on the other side of town.
 - d. Jennifer, along with 100,000 other people, commutes downtown from an outlying residential neighborhood.

16. What is one impact of the growth of edge cities?
- a. Traffic has increased substantially in areas several miles from the city.
 - b. More businesses have chosen to locate their headquarters in the centers of large cities.
 - c. People experience difficult commutes downtown each morning.
 - d. Fewer people are moving to the suburbs.
17. Which of the following is not a common reason for conflict between groups of people?
- a. religious differences
 - b. scarcity of resources
 - c. cultural convergence
 - d. differences in opinion over how land should be used
18. What is one impact of the way European powers divided African and Middle Eastern colonies after World War I?
- a. The colonies gained their independence.
 - b. Religious groups within the colonies became increasingly tolerant of each other.
 - c. The colonies were shaped according to cultural and language distinctions.
 - d. Many colonies were home to numerous cultural groups that did not get along with each other.
19. Why might Indonesia face special challenges in maintaining its national unity?
- a. It was once a Dutch colony.
 - b. It's a long archipelago of tens of thousands of islands with great cultural and linguistic diversity.
 - c. It is relatively square-shaped.
 - d. It is the world's largest Muslim country.
20. Which of the following best describes the United Nations?
- a. the body that oversees all the world's democracies
 - b. an international alliance dedicated to protecting the world's economies
 - c. an alliance of European and North American countries
 - d. an alliance of countries, focusing on humanitarian and social concerns